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SUBJ: CODEL DIGGS: COMMENT ON SENEGAL VISIT BY CHAIRMAN DIGGS

1. CODEL DIGGS, JOINED BY REPRESENTATIVES CHARLES WHALEN AND STEPHEN SOLARZ, DEPARTED DAKAR APRIL 12 FOR BAMAKO AFTER FRUITFUL FOUR-DAY VISIT TO SENEGAL. PROGRAM CLOSELY FOLLOWED SCHEDULE CONTAINED DAKAR 2152 AND 2438. CHAIRMAN DIGGS GAVE BRIEF INTERVIEW TO JOURNALISTS ON ARRIVAL (DAKAR 2504) AND HAD SATURDAY MORNING MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT SENGHOR (DAKAR 2511), MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASSANE SECK (DAKAR 2519) AND MINISTER OF THE PLAN AND COOPERATION OUSMANE SECK (SEPTTEL FOLLOWS), AND LATER DISCUSSED MISSION PROGRAMS WITH COUNTRY TEAM.

2. ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR AGGREY, DELEGATION PAID EASTER SUNDAY VISIT TO DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN SENEGAL RIVER VALLEY, OVERFLYING RIVER MOUTH AND DELTA AREA ENROUTE (DAKAR 2506).

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3. STAFF CONSULTANTS CHALLENGOR AND POPOVICH PAID VISITS FOLLOWING DAY TO USAID-ASSISTED LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT TRAINING INSTITUTE AND VILLAGE HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN THIES REGION.

4. CHAIRMAN DIGGS MET LOCAL PRESS APRIL 11 (DAKAR 2512)

AND CODEL MEMBERS WERE GUESTS AT DINNER OFFERED BY AMBASSADOR AGGREY ATTENDED BY MINISTER OF COOPERATION, INFLUENTIAL NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEMBER HABIB THIAM, FOREIGN MINISTRY CABINET DIRECTOR, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, UNDP RESREP BORNA, AND OTHER LOCAL FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC LEADERS.

5. CODEL RECEIVED NOTABLY WARM WELCOME IN SENEGAL, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF VISIT'S COINCIDENCE WITH LONG EASTER HOLIDAY WEEKEND. UNUSUALLY LENGTHY AND COMPREHENSIVE MEETING WITH MINISTER OF COOPERATION PROVIDED VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COOPERATION. FOREIGN MINISTRY ASSEMBLED VIRTUALLY ALL SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL TO SIT IN ON CHAIRMAN DIGGS' CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER. VISIT TO REGIONS WERE NOTABLE FOR WARMTH OF WELCOME EXTENDED, IMPORTANCE OF

LOCAL LEADERS PRESENT, PROFESSIONALISM OF TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS, AND FREQUENCY OF STATEMENTS OF APPRECIATION FOR AMERICAN ASSISTANCE. MEDIA DISPLAYED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN VISIT AND GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY GAVE FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT TO CODEL ARRIVAL AND CHAIRMAN DIGGS' PRESS CONFERENCE. OVERALL, VISIT MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO ADVANCING HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE BETWEEN U.S. AND SENEGAL. AGGREY

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